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In further response to the office action issued November 5, 2002, please amend the
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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

14. A control rod, comprising:

four absorber blades forming an orthogonal cross having a cruciform center and having
an upper part, a lower part, an inner part proximal to the cruciform center, an outer part distal to
the cruciform center, a width in a radial direction of the blade and a length in a longitudinal
direction of the blade, [wherein over at least a portion of the upper part the inner part comprises

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